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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON SECURITY

COUNCIL ACTION

REF: USUN 01460 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL NOTED FRENCH REPORT APRIL 14 FROM AMBASSADOR JAIPAL (INDIA) THAT AFRICAN GROUP HAD AGREED THAT FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA COULD BE HELD PRIOR TO SPECIAL SESSION PROVIDED THAT FIVE AGREE NOT/NOT TO REQUEST VOTE ON ANY RESOLUTION. AMBASSADOR JAIPAL SPOKE AM APRIL 15 WITH AMBASSADOR LEONARD ON SAME SUBJECT, AND CLARIFIED FRENCH REPORT.

2. JAIPAL STATED THAT ON APRIL 14 HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON NAMIBIA WITH SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB, TANZANIAN CHARGE CHALE (CURRENT AFRICAN GROUP PRESIDENT), AND OAU EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OUATTARA -- ALL THREE OF WHOM PLAY PROMINENT ROLES IN AFRICAN GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT. JAIPAL REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED TO THEM HIS BELIEF THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP SHOULD NOT BE IN THE POSITION OF OPPOSING FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA. THE AFRICAN GROUP, HE CONTINUED, MIGHT RIGHTLY URGE DELAY IN ANY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION IN THE ABSENCE OF REACTION FROM THE PARTIES BUT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO BLOCK A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING. JAIPAL EXPLAINED THAT HE AND NO DOUBT OTHER SC MEMBERS WOULD HAVE QUESTIONS AND WOULD HOPE TO GET ANSWERS FROM THE FIVE AT A FORMAL MEETING. GURIRAB CLEARLY ENDORSED THIS SCENARIO. IN ADDITION, CONFIDENTIAL

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JAIPAL EXPRESSED TO LEONARD (BUT NOT TO AFRICANS) HIS CONCERN THAT IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DOES NOTHING UNTIL AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION, THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND THE ONE-SIDED GENERAL ASSEMBLY RHETORIC ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN SOUTH AFRICA'S DECIDING ON AN UNCOOPERATIVE COURSE.

3. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT JAIPAL IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND SHARE HIS CONCERN, PARTICULARLY ABOUT ONE-SIDED UNGA RHETORIC. REAFFIRMATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS SUPPORT FOR SWAPO'S POSITION AS SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE WILL CERTAINLY NOT HELP WITH THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY DOUBTFUL OF UN OBJECTIVITY. HOWEVER, AS LEONARD INDICATED TO JAIPAL, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT FIVE, IF ASKED, SHOULD AGREE IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS NOT TO PRESS FOR A RESOLUTION. SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD ONLY RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF PRESSURE ON ALL THE PARTIES. IN THIS SITUATION, WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT OCCASIONS ARE FOUND IN DAR AND PRETORIA TO PRESS HARD ON THE FRONTLINE AND ON BOTH SWAPO AND SAG FOR

ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL. END COMMENT. LEONARD

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